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Dean Erwin Griswold

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Dear Dean Griswold:

This is in response to your question about the Soviet monthly journal U. S. A.

We translate and publish all articles in the journal except translations of American books (omitted) and factual data on U.S. industrial technical processes (summarized). Since the beginning of 1972 we have been able to publish our translations for delivery to U.S. Government recipients within an average of ten days after the end of the month of Soviet publication. Included in this delivery are 72 copies for the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) to take care of 65 NTIS subscribers and a few extras for ad hoc purchases.

We have tried to find out why your request for an issue of the journal was handled so poorly. It appears that the NTIS process involves entering the titles of publications received into a computer; incredibly, this process can take up to six months. Once this entry is made, however, orders can be satisfied within a couple of days unless the publication is not in stock. Any order received before the title is entered in the computer is usually returned to the sender with instructions to resubmit at some later date. Because NTIS is part of the Department of Commerce, we were not aware of either your order or the poor service you received. Nevertheless, we plan to discuss this problem with NTIS to improve service generally.

In the meantime, I have assembled copies of the translations of the 35 issues of the journal for May 1972 to March 1975. We have only file copies of translations for the period January 1970 to April 1972. We could send you xerox copies of the tables of contents of

these earlier issues so that you could select those articles in which you may be interested; these articles could be xeroxed and sent to you.

Please let me know the address to which you would like the 35 issues sent. My telephone number [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

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